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On September 18, we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the United States Air Force.

From its infancy, air power has proven itself vital to America's ability to fight and win wars. From the Battle of Saint-Mihiel during World War I, to the Berlin Airlift; from Linebacker I and II to the Gulf War, our Air Force has made its mark in history and built a distinguished record of service to the Nation.

We pause to salute the men and women of the Air Force who continue that proud heritage today.

In Afghanistan, Iraq, and all corners of the world, Airmen faithfully deploy whenever and wherever duty calls. You fly medical missions, deliver humanitarian aid, move tons of cargo, and conduct air refueling missions for military forces around the globe, often risking your own lives to save others. Through it all, you have demonstrated the core values of integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all you do. You continue to make us proud of the greatest Air Force in the world.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join all Americans in saluting our Airmen on the 60th anniversary of the Air Force. Thank you for your selfless duty and service to our Nation.

PETER PACE
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of the Joint Chiefs of Staff